

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An isolated antibody or fragment thereof which binds to an extracellular portion of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.
2. The antibody or fragment of claim 1, wherein the antibody or fragment is a monoclonal antibody or a fragment thereof.
3. The antibody or fragment of claim 1, wherein the antibody or fragment is a polyclonal antibody or a fragment thereof.
4. The antibody or fragment of claim 1, wherein the antibody or fragment is a chimeric antibody or a fragment thereof.
5. The antibody or fragment of claim 1, wherein the antibody or fragment is a humanized antibody or a fragment thereof.
6. The antibody or fragment of claim 1, wherein the antibody or fragment is a human antibody or a fragment thereof.
7. The fragment of claim 1 which is an Fab fragment.
8. The antibody or fragment of claim 1, wherein said antibody or fragment is an antagonist of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:2.
9. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody or fragment of claim 1.